THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Government in the Ministry of Human Resource Development has agreed in principle to a proposal for restoration of Central University status of the University of Allahabad and conversion of the Manipur University into a Central University. It is, however, not possible to indicate a definite time frame for introduction of the legislative proposals on the subject in the Parliament as the necessary procedural formalities in this regard are yet to be completed.

Opening of Navodaya/Kendriya Vidyalayas in Rajasthan and Punjab

379. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open more Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas in Rajasthan and Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how Government intend to raise the standard of education of the children living in villages and small towns all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Proposals to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas and Novodaya Vidyalayas in the country are under consideration.

Primary Education Programme

380. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the districts especially in Chhattisgarh where Government have introduced the District Primary Education Programme;

(b) whether Government propose to expand this programme in other poor and educationally backward districts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) A list containing the name of the districts in which District Primary Education Programme

(DPEP) was introduced from time to time, is given in the Statement (*see* below).

(b) No, Sir. Now all districts in the country are eligible under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme of the Government of India.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Name of districts where DPEP has been introduced

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of Districts covered under DPEP	Name of Districts
1	Assam	9	Darrang, Dhubri, Karbi Anglong, Morigaon Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Goalpara, Sonitpur Kokrajhar
2	Haryana	7	Hissar, Jind, Kaithal, Sirsa, Bhiwani, Gurgaon, Mahendragarh
3	Karnataka	16	Belgaum, Kolar, Mandya, Raichur/Koppal, Bellary, Bidar, Gulbarga, Mysore/Chamarajnagar, Bijapur/Bagalkot, Bangalore (Rural) Dharward/ Gadag/Haveri
4	Kerala	6	Kasaragode, Mallapuram, Wayanand, Thiruvananthapuram, Iddukki, Palakkad
5	Madhya Pradesh	33	Betul, Chhatarpur, Dhar, Guna, Mandsaur/ Neemuch, Panna, Rajgarh, Raisen, Ratlam, Rewa, Satna, Sehore Shahdol/Umaria, Sidhi, Tikamgarh, Mandla/Dindori, Seoni, Shivpuri, Bhino, Morena/Sheiopur, Vidisha, Jhabua, Datia Khargone/Badwani, Dewas, Shjapur, Khandwa, Damoh
6	Chhattisgarh	15	Bilaspur/Janjgir, Korba, Raigarh/Jashpur, Rajnandgaon, Kawardha, Sarguja/Koria, Bastar/ Dantewada/Kanker, Raipur/Dhamtari/ Mahasamunda
7	Maharashtra	11	Aurangabad, Latur, Nanded, Osmanabad, Parbhani/Hingoli Bid, Dhule/Nandurbar, Gadchiroli, Jalna
8	Tamil Nadu	8	Dharmapuri, Cuddalore/Villupuram, Thiruvannamalai, Pudhukottai, Ramanathapuram, Perambalur/Ariyalur
9	Andhra Pradesh	19	Karimnagar, Kurnool, Nellore, Vizianagaram, Warangal Adilabad, Anantapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Guntur, Khammam, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Prakasam, Ranga Reddy, Srikakulam, Vishakhapatnam

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of District covered under DPEP	Name of Districts
10	Gujarat	11	Dang, Banaskantha, Patan, Panchmahals, Dahod, Kutch, Sabarkantha and Surendranagar, (Bhavnagar Jamnagar, Junagarh—Funded under State Sector)
11	Himachal Pradesh	4	Chamba, Kullu, Lahaul Spiti, Sirmour
12	Orissa	16	Bolangir, Dhenkanal, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Gajapati, Baragarh, Sambalpur, Keonjhar, Boudh, Koraput, Kalkangiri, Sonepur, Kandhamal, Nabarangapur, Nuappada, Mayurbhanj
13	West Bengal	10	Bankura, Birbhum, Cooch Behar, Murshidabad, South Paraganas, Jalpaiguri, Malda, Purulia, North Dinajapur, South Dinajpur
14	Uttar Pradesh	54	Badaun, Bareilly, Deoria, Firozabad, Hardoi, Kheri, Lalitpur, Maharajganj, Pillibhit, Shahjahanpur, Siddharthanagar, Sonbhadra, Basti, Sant Kabir Nagar, Gonda Balarampur, Moradabad, Jyotiba Phule Nagar, Barabanki, Rampur, Bahraich, Shravasti, Agra, Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, Baghnet, Ballia, Bijnor, Buland-Shahar, Etah, Faizabad, Farrukhabad, Fatehpur, Gautam Budh Nagar, Ghaziabad, Ghazipur, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Jaunpur, Jhansi, Kannauj, Kanpur Dehat, Kushi Nagar, Mahoba, Mainpuri, Mathura, Mau, Meerut Mirzapur, Muzaffarnagar, Pratapgarh, Raebareli, Sultanpur, Unnao
15	Uttaranchal	6	Bageshwar, Champawat, Haridwar, Pithoragarh, Tehri Garhwal,Uttar Pradesh
16	Bihar	20	Bhagalpur (Banka), Bhojpur (Buxar), Darbhanga, Gaya, Munger (Jamui, Lakhisarai, Sheikpura)Muzaffarpur, Purnea (Araria, Kishanganj),Rohtas (Kaimur), Sitamarhi (Sheohar), Vaishali, West Champaran
17	Jharkhand	9	Chatra, East Singhbhum, Hazaribagh (Kodarma), Ranchi, Dumka, Jamtara, West Singhbhum, Sarai Kela
18	Rajasthan	19	Alwar, Bhilwara, Jhalawar, Jhunjhunu, Kota, Nagaur, Sikar, Sirohi, Sri Ganganagar, Tonk, Churu, Dausa, Jaipur, Bharatpur, Dholpur, Bundi, Karauli, Swaimadhopur, Hanumangarh
	TOTAL	273	